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SUBJECT: COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE REQUEST --
SHEIKH ABDULLAH

1. THIS RESPONDS TO QUERY CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF
ACCEPTING SHEIKH ABDULLAH, ACTING CHIEF OF QATARI ARMED
FORCES, AT U.S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE,
FORT LEAVENWORTH.

2. BRIG AL-AFYOUNI'S RECOLLECTION CONCERNING QUOTE SHORT
COURSE UNQUOTE (FIVE/SIX MONTHS) AT LEAVENWORTH DATES BACK
NEARLY A DECADE WHEN U.S. ARMY RAN QUOTE ASSOCIATE COURSES
UNQUOTE THERE AND ELSEWHERE. THIS NO LONGER THE CASE.
ONLY ONE LONG COURSE OF ELEVEN MONTHS DURATION (FOR FOREIGN
STUDENTS) IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY. REPORTING DATES ARE IN
JULY/AUGUST TIME FRAME.

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3. COURSE BEGINNING THIS SUMMER IS FILLED. ONLY 96 SPACES
WERE ALLOCATED FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS THIS YEAR, A REDUCTION
OF OVER 15 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. COURSE HAS ALWAYS
BEEN POPULAR; CURTAILMENT HAS ONLY HEIGHTENED POPULARITY
AND SPACES NOW EVEN MORE AT PREMIUM.

4. COURSE CONVENING IN SUMMER 1979 WOULD BE FIRST WHEREIN SPACES MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE. ALLOCATIONS WILL BE FIRMED UP FOR THIS PERIOD BEFORE THE NEW YEAR. IF QATARI GOVERNMENT IS INDEED INTERESTED IN SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN KHALIFA ATTENDING THE 11-MONTH COURSE IN 1979, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT REQUEST BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1978. WE AGREE THAT HIS ATTENDANCE, IF HE IS INDEED INTERESTED, WOULD BE USEFUL TO U.S. INTERESTS IN QATAR.
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